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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a consumer and avid user of a PC. I feel that Microsoft over the years has provided me with valuable bundled tools to surf the Internet and do other tasks on the PC. I used the Internet before the Worldwide Web became popular. We would not have or continue to have the convenience of using the WWW with innovations that can be used by the average American if the American government continues its attack on Microsoft! Microsoft products have always been a bargain both in cost and utilitarian value! If litigation continues, the only winners will be LAWYERS AND PRIVATE INTERESTS. An example is the ludicrous tobacco settlement!!! It is a cash cow for lawyers and state treasuries. I feel that the current recession started with Clinton's attack on Microsoft years ago! Remember that the CONSUMER COMES FIRST! THAT IS ME!!!! TOO MUCH OF OUR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT IS BEING WASTED ON LITIGATION...CLASS ACTION SUITS ONLY BENEFIT THE LAWYERS AND OTHER PRIVATE INTERESTS. MONETARY REWARDS ARE ONLY PEANUTS TO THE AVERAGE CONSUMER LIKE ME! (UNLESS YOU SPILL A CUP OF MCDONALDS COFFEE ON YOUR CROTCH!!! AND FIND A

CROOKED LAWYER AND SYMPATHETIC JURY!) SETTLE WITH MICROSOFT NOW!!!! Let American business get back on track!

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